

REMARKS

Review and reconsideration of the subject application in view of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

The abstract has been amended in response to the Examiner's suggestions.

Claims 2, 3, 5-8, and 16 are cancelled without prejudice and disclaimer. Accordingly, Examiner's objection to claim 8 is resolved. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended in response to Examiner's rejections.

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 11-13 were rejected variously in view U.S. Pat. No. 4,375,162 to Eppley. Respectfully, applicant believes that amended claim 1 obviates the need for further rejection.

Claim 1 states, in pertinent part, "a container having... an opening formed therein through which a pneumatic hose may pass." The Eppley patent does not disclose such structure. Instead, it discloses a ventilation outlet (46) for venting hydrogen gas or other explosive type gasses to atmosphere that may be generated within the power supply means to prevent a hazardous and explosive condition from developing within the power supply means.

Claim 1 also states, in pertinent part, "vent means for providing an ample supply of air to the air compressor when the lid of the container is closed." The Eppley patent does not disclose such structure. Indeed, if the lid of the container in the Eppley patent were closed, the air compressor contained therein would not operate properly because it would not receive an ample supply of air.

Further, claim 1 states, in pertinent part, "a pneumatic tool for dispensing dense materials, wherein the tool is connected to the air compressor by the pneumatic hose and operable when the lid of the container is closed." The Eppley patent does not disclose such structure. Instead, the Eppley patent discloses a high pressure air test unit. It fails to disclose any form of tool for dispensing dense material. Additionally, if the lid of the container in the Eppley patent were closed, any tool connected to a pneumatic hose would not be operable because the hose would be trapped inside the container. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that

claims 1, 4, 9, and 11-13 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 15-19 were rejected variously in view U.S. Pat. No. 4,688,308 to Alvarez. Respectfully, applicant believes that amended claims 1 and 15 obviate the need for further rejection.

Claim 15 states, in pertinent part, "providing electricity from the electrical connection box to an electrically operated air compressor disposed within the container, wherein the air compressor is of a continuous pressure type operable without an air reservoir or accumulator." The Alvarez patent does not disclose such structure. Instead, the Alvarez patent discloses that the portable automotive vehicle radiator repair shop merely provide a pneumatic reservoir (66) with a quick disconnect coupling (68) for connection to an air hose provided by an automotive service station facility. Thus, the portable automotive vehicle radiator repair shop cannot perform any functions that require pneumatic power without an ample air supply provided by an outside source. Additionally, amended claim 15 includes other provisions for structure not disclosed in the Alvarez patent. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claims 15-18 are in condition for allowance.

Additionally, applicant respectfully believes that amended claim 1 obviates the need for further rejection of claim 19. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 19 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 7 and 14 were rejected variously in view U.S. Pat. No. 4,375,162 to Eppley in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,388,987 to Miles. Respectfully, applicant believes that amended claim 1 obviates the need for further rejection. Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 7 and 14 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 10 was rejected in view of U.S. Pat. No. 4,375,162 to Eppley. Respectfully, applicant believes that amended claim 1 obviates the need for further rejection. Accordingly, it is submitted that claim 10 is in condition for allowance.

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